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THE MOMENTUM OF THE PLANE TOOK ME THROUGH THE FENCE. THE LEFT WING COLLIDED WITH A MOTOR HOME WHICH WAS PARKED THERE. THE RT. WING COLLIDED WITH A LARGE ROUND BALE OF HAY. MY PASSENGER AND I EXITED THE PLANE AND WE WERE NOT INJURED. MY PASSENGER WAS ERIC SHIPLEY [REDACTED] IN STOKTON, MO.